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WARS

OLDEN AGE
OF THE SITH
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STAR WARS TALES OF THE JEDI

The Golden Age of the Sith



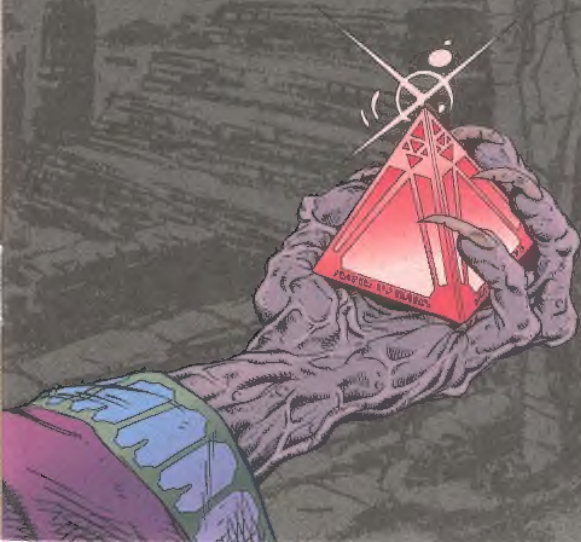
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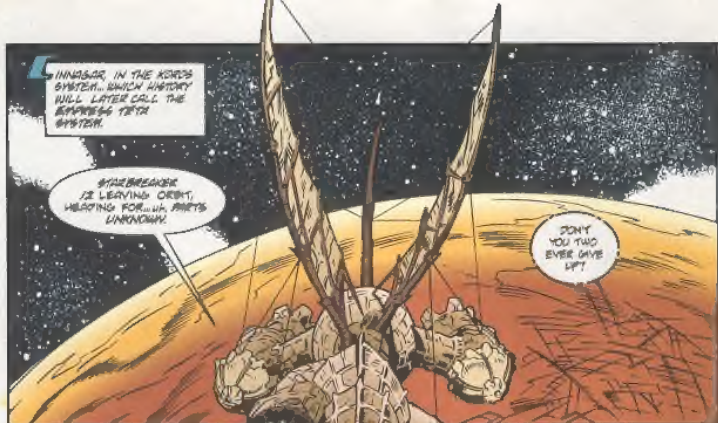
INTO THE UNKNOWN

For centuries, in a protected vault in the great library of Ossus, the captured Sith Holocron closely guarded its legends and histories. Until now . . .

Five millennia before the birth of Luke Skywalker and fall of Palpatine's Empire, a thousand years before Exar Kun and Ulic Qel-Droma joined forces in a sweeping conflagration known as the Sith War, the Old Republic was riding high and expanding. It was a time when the great Jedi Knights had tamed a mere portion of the galaxy, a time of rugged frontiers — colony worlds were being established, while vast portions of space remained unexplored. Long-distance travel was often treacherous and uncertain.

Each year, new hyperspace paths were mapped by intrepid, hyperspace explorers, who sought useful roadways through an incomprehensible dimension. These intrepid risk-takers (some called them crazy) relied on blind luck as much as skill, gambling everything in a high-stakes game to map a valuable new route across the star lanes, hoping to find their fortune . . . instead of their deaths.





INNAGAR, IN THE KORD'S SYSTEM... WHICH HISTORY WILL LATER CALL THE HYPERBASS TETH SYSTEM.

STARBREAKER IS LEAVING ORBIT, WEAVING FOR...UH, PATHS UNKNOWN.

DON'T YOU TWO EVER GIVE UP?



BOY AND JORI DARGSON... BROTHER AND SISTER HYPERSPACE EXPLORERS...

NOT 'TIL WE FIND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

ACKNOWLEDGED, STARBREAKER 12-- WE'VE PUT IT ON YOUR TAB...JUST LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE!

WHEN WE DO, WE'LL BUY YOU A DRINK, INNAGAR CONTROL.



"NOT PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL...TO DATE..."

WITH A BILLION USEFUL PLACES TO GO IN THE GALAXY AND A MILLION UNKNOWN ROUTES TO GET THERE, WE'VE GOT TO FIND AT LEAST ONE!



YEAH, SAY, AND THERE'S TEN MILLION ANIMATED DEAD SNES FOR EVERY ONE THAT ISN'T USEFUL.

...BUT THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE...



WE HAVEN'T GONE DOWN A BLACK HOLE YET!

ALWAYS A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING.

...WITHOUT BLIND HOPE, A
HYPERSPACE EXPLORER
WAS NOTHING.

LET'S GET GOING
BEFORE LINNAGAR INSTITUTES
PARKING CHARGES! WE'VE GOT
BILLS TO PAY!

PUNCH
IT!

HEY, I'VE GOT A GOOD FEELING
ABOUT THIS ONE!

YOU
ALWAYS SAY
THAT.

ONE OF
THESE DAYS, I'LL
BE RIGHT!



LOOKS LIKE
A SHORT CUT TO
ME, JORI!



IF WE CAN
GET SAFELY THROUGH
THE WAREHOUSE CLUSTER,
THE NAVIGATORS' GUILD
WILL PAY US A
FORTUNE!

OH-OK!
HANG ON!



BOMB
SHORT CUT...



I THINK WE'RE
ALMOST THROUGH... ALMOST
THROUGH!



WE
MADE IT!

JUST BARRELY, NOBODY WILL
PAY US FOR THIS ROUTE--IT'S WORSE
THAN THE LAST ONE.

TIME TO LUMP
BACK HOME TO KOROS
MINOR...USING THE OLD SAFE
ROUTE THIS TIME, EVEN
THOUGH IT'LL TAKE
US A LOT
LONGER...



CINNABAR
CONTROL, THIS
IS GAY DRAGON ON
STABILIZER
12.

WE NEED
SOME URGENT
REPAIRS.

WHAT,
AGAIN?

JUST
LET ME TALK
TO AARRRA THE
HUTT AT THE
REPAIR
BAY.

COME ON,
AARRRA! WE'LL FIND
SOME WAY TO PAY FOR IT
THIS TIME. WE REALLY
NEED THIS!



I'M
DECIDING
YOU!

AARRRA,
GUESTIE, I WOULD
CONSIDER IT A MOST
PERSONAL FAVOR, AND
TO BE FOREVER IN
YOUR DEBT.

LET'S
TALK ABOUT THIS
FACE TO FACE,
OKAY?



THERE GOES
ANOTHER STABILIZER,
JOE!...WE MIGHT HAVE
TROUBLE LANDING, BUT
WE'RE COMING
DOWN!

INNAAGAR, AARBA'S
REPAIR AND
SALVAGE.

WELL,
AARBA, DO
YOU THINK YOU
CAN FIX
HER THIS
TIME?

HOO,
ANYTHING CAN
BE FIXED, BUT CAN
IT BE PAID
FOR?

COME NOW,
SWEETIE, YOU
KNOW YOU'RE AT
THE TOP OF OUR
LIST OF CREDITORS.

HOO, HOO! LAST
TIME YOU TWO WAD
TO SELL YOUR DWELLING
IN LUNNAGAR JUST
TO PAY ME.

YOU
HAVE NO MORE
COLLATERAL.

BUT YOU
CAN TRUST US,
AARBA.



"WE JUST HAD A RUN OF BAD LUCK THIS TIME, RARRBA."



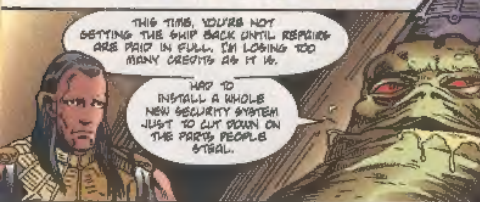
"HEY, IT SHOULD HAVE WORKED, BUT THE STARS AT THE CORE OF THE CLUSTER WERE JUST TOO DENSE."



"I KNOW WE'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME, SWEETIE."



"HOO! I'VE HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE."



"THIS TIME, YOU'RE NOT SETTING THE SHIP BACK UNTIL REPAIRS ARE PAID IN FULL. I'M LOSING TOO MANY CREDITS AS IT IS."

"HAD TO INSTALL A WHOLE NEW SECURITY SYSTEM JUST TO CUT DOWN ON THE PARTS PEOPLE STEAL."



"LOOK, RARRBA-- THE NAVIGATORS' GUILD CERTIFIED OUR LAST ROUTE INTO THE GOLUUD CORRIDOR. IT'S OFFICIAL!"



"HOO! LOOK AT THEIR ASSIGNED RISK FACTOR-- NO ONE WILL USE THIS ROUTE."



"NOT TO WORRY-- A LOT OF COMMERCE IS GOING INTO THE GOLUUD CORRIDOR. SOMEBODY'S GOING TO WANT A FAST ROUTE."

"THE BONUSES WILL COME IN ANY DAY NOW."

INNAGAR'S MAIN
COMMERCE
SECTOR.

IS THE
DRONE SHIP
READY TO DEPART
FOR THE GOLLUD
CORRIDOR GOVERN?
ALL COORDINATES
LOADED IN?

NAVI-
COMPUTERS
HAVE THE NEW
ROUTE, SSK KAMORR.
ALL SAFETY
SYSTEMS SHUT
OFF.

TO BE
A SUCCESSFUL
MERCHANT LORD
REQUIRES A CERTAIN
AMOUNT OF
FORESIGHT.

THE NEW
MINING COLONY
ON GOLLUD MINOR
DESPERATELY
NEEDS THESE
COMPONENTS AND
EQUIPMENT.

I HAVE
LEARNED THROUGH SPIES
AT THE NAVIGATORS' GUILD
THAT THIS NEWLY REGISTERED ROUTE
SHOULD CUT YOUR HYPERSPACE
TIME BY A THIRD...

...AND
INCREASE OUR PROFITS A
HUNDREDFOLD!

A RISKY
ROUTE. PASSES VERY
CLOSE TO THAT RED
SUPERGIANT.

I KNOW
NAVIGATORS' GUILD
SAFETY STANDARDS BORING.
ONLY COWARDS FEAR
SUCH RISKS!

PRIMUS GOLLOD, A
RED SUPERGIANT

AN UNSTABLE RED
SUPERGIANT

CHA'A DRONE SHIP ZETA FIVE...
REGISTRY, MERCHANT LORD 88K
KARDOR...AUTOMATED LOG...

SUCCESSFUL ARRIVAL AT PRIMUS
GOLLOD...NAVICOMPUTER RECALIBRATING
FOR SECONDARY JUMP TO GOLLOD
MINOR COLONY.

NOTE, STELLAR ACTIVITY IN PRIMUS
GOLLOD HAS ENTERED A VIOLENT
PHASE...UNEXPECTED DANGER...



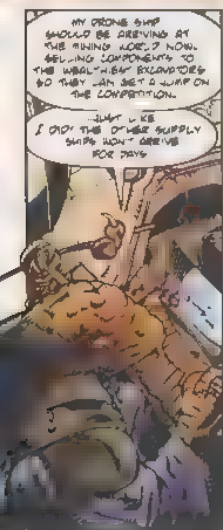
TOLERANCE BEYOND
SAFETY MAXIMUMS...
NULL INTENSITY
FAILING.

PREPARING TO JETTISON
MESSAGE POD.

LOSS OF ALL
CARGO.

FINAL AUTOMATED
LOG ENTRY--
RECOMMENDED
THAT THIS ROUTE
BE DISCONTINUED.





INNOCENT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
VIBRA P 422

BEING A HIGHWAY NAVIGATOR
WARRIES EXPECTED RISKS, BUT
DID CHARRON LEARN THE
LESSON WITH THE WARRIORS.

AT ONE TIME SHE HAD A FAMILY, A HOME, A
FUTURE. BUT HER PARENTS WERE KILLED
IN THE REBELLION ON KIRKIN DURING ONE
OF THE FIRST UNIFICATION WARS.

SHE AND HER BROTHER GAY STILL
HAD THEIR SHIP AND THEIR DWELLING,
AND THEIR DREAMS.

BUT THEY WERE FORCED TO SELL THEIR
DWELLING TO PAY FOR REPAIRS TO STARBREAKER
IS NOW THE SHIP IS DAMAGED AGAIN, WITHOUT EVEN A
PROFITABLE NEW ROUTE TO SHOW FOR THEIR EFFORT.

HER LIFE WAS FULL OF
OPPORTUNITIES THAWED BY A
WINDS BREATH. ALWAYS
WAITING FOR HER SHIP TO
COME IN.

SHE HAS A FEW
CHEAP TRINKETS, A
CHANGE OF CLOTHES
AS TITLED AS THE
PAGES SHE NOW WEARS.

OH GAY,
WHAT ARE
WE GOING
TO DO?

EMPEROR TETA, RULER OF THE NEWLY WONN VICTED SEVEN WORLDS, TAKES A SHOW OF FEELING WITH THE PEOPLE AND DISPLAYING THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO HER BY THE JEDI KNIGHTS

BY PEOPLE, THE BATTLES ARE NEARLY OVER THE POLITICAL STRIFE AT AN END AND PEACE IS WITH US!

THE SEVEN WORLDS HAVE JOINED IN A GLORIOUS ALLIANCE FOR GREATER PROSPERITY AND MILITARY STRENGTH

I FEEL A DEEP RELIEF IN THE GROUND, EMPRESS. THEY KNOW YOUR RULE WILL BENEFIT US ALL

I AM ORAN-URE, JEDI KNIGHT NEWLY ASSIGNED TO THE KORON WATER TO HELP SECURE EMPRESS TETA'S NEW ALLIANCE FOR THE GOOD OF THE REPUBLIC

JEDI PARAGON NOTICES FROM THE CROWD HER THOUGHTS FOCUS ON THE QUESTION: JEDI, THAN ON THE EMPRESS HERSELF

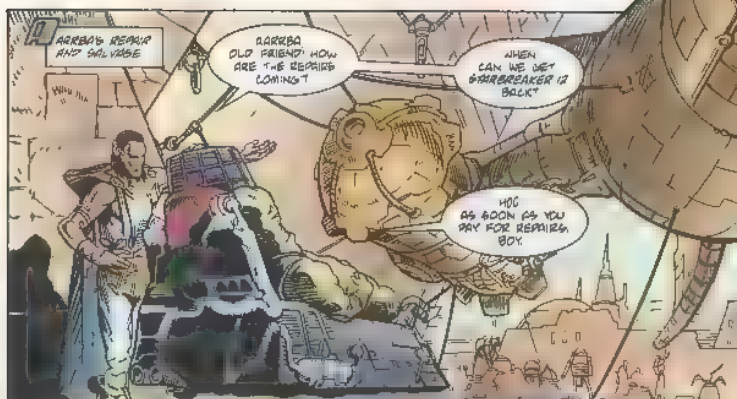
I COULD HAVE BEEN TRAINED AS A JEDI KNIGHT GAY AND I BOTH TESTED HIGH WITH FORCE POTENTIAL

MENTI, WOULD YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MY MOST TRUSTED ADVISER? I BELIEVE THAT OUR DAYS OF TURMOIL ARE FINALLY AT AN END

YES, EMPRESS, AS SOON AS THE CARBONITE MINES GET BACK TO FULL PRODUCTION WE WILL BE ONE OF THE RICHEST AND MOST BLESSED SYSTEMS IN THE GALAXY

BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE THE PATIENCE FOR ALL THAT TRAINING, CONCENTRATION. WE WANTED TO GET RICH QUICK, MAN

WELL, ANOTHER BAD DECISION



AREBA'S REPAIR
AND SALVAGE

AREBA
OLD FRIEND! HOW
ARE THE REPAIRS
COMING?

WHEN
CAN WE GET
STARBREAKER 12
BACK?

HOG
AS SOON AS YOU
PAY FOR REPAIRS,
BOY.



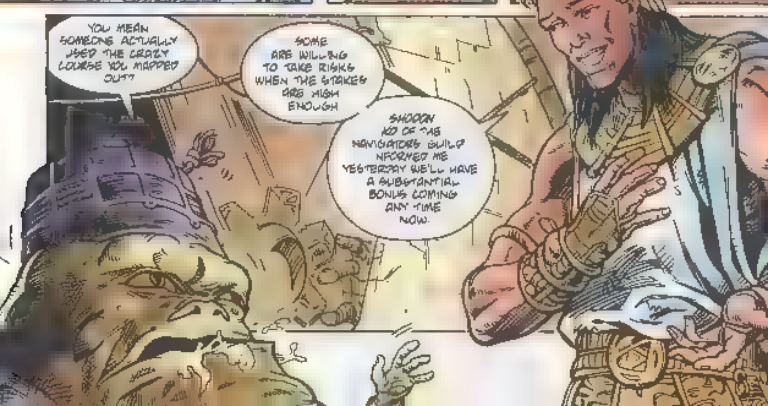
RELAX YOU
OLD WOMAN. SOME
BIG CHAIR MESS-LANT
LORD IS ALREADY
USING OUR NEW
ROUTE.



HEY! BE
CAREFUL.

THAT
SHIP'S MY
LIVELI-
HOOD.

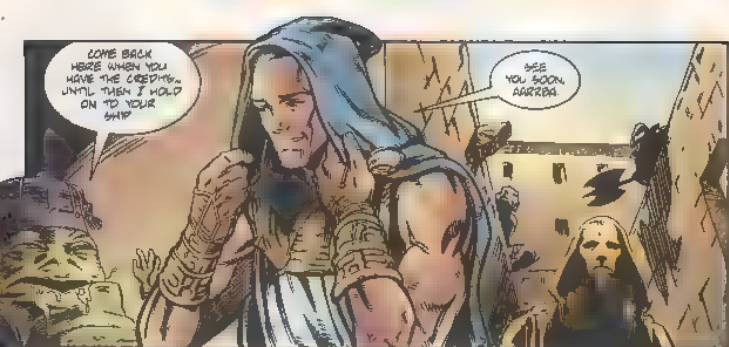
APLOGIES
???



YOU MEAN
SOMEONE ACTUALLY
USED THE CRAZY
COURSE YOU MAPPED
OUT?

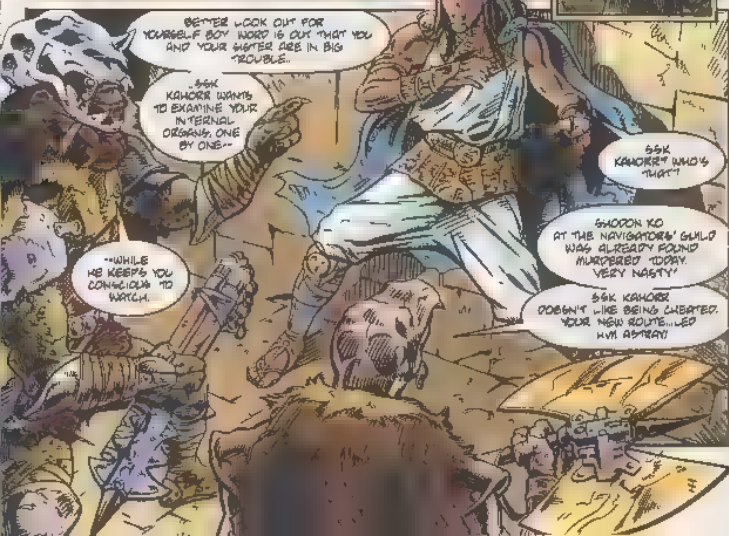
SOME
ARE WILLING
TO TAKE RISKS
WHEN THE STAKES
ARE HIGH ENOUGH.

SHOON
KD OF THE
NAVIGATORS BUILD
REPORTED ME
YESTERDAY WE'LL HAVE
A SUBSTANTIAL
BONUS COMING
ANY TIME
NOW.



COME BACK
HERE WHEN YOU
HAVE THE CREDITS...
UNTIL THEN I HOLD
ON TO YOUR
SHIP

SEE
YOU SOON,
ARRABA



BETTER LOOK OUT FOR
YOURSELF BOY WORD IS OUT THAT YOU
AND YOUR SISTER ARE IN BIG
TROUBLE...

SSK
KAHORE WANTS
TO EXAMINE YOUR
INTERNAL
ORGANS, ONE
BY ONE...

"WHILE
HE KEEPS YOU
CONVINCED TO
WATCH.

SSK
KAHORE? WHO'S
THAT?

SHODON KO
AT THE NAVIGATORS' GUILD
WAS ALREADY FOUND
MURDERED TODAY.
VERY NASTY!

SSK KAHORE
DOESN'T LIKE BEING CHEATED.
YOUR NEW ROUTE...LED
HIM AHEAD!



FEEDING TIME

PATIENT
PATIENT.

ANY
MOMENT
NOW.

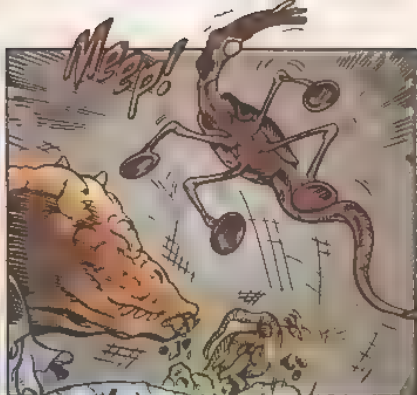


I HAVE
NEWS, ASK KADORE
OUR "INVEST GATORS"
HAVE LOCATED TWO
YOUNG HYPERSPACE
NAVIGATORS

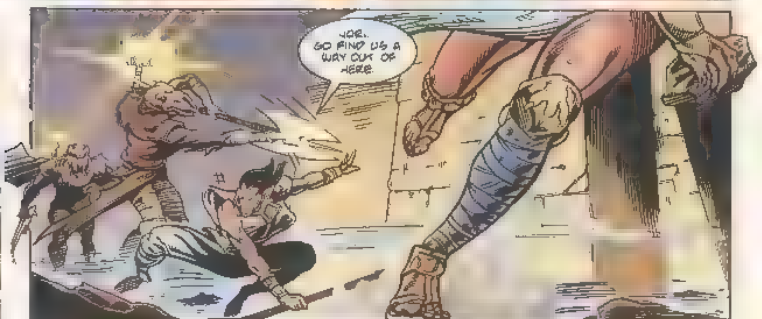
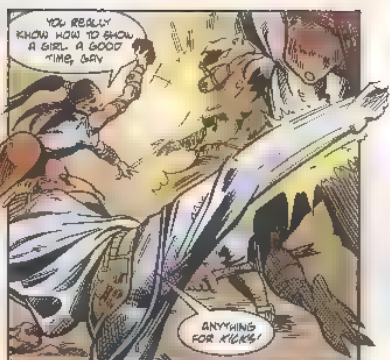
GOOD!
MURDERING
SHADON KO ONLY
WHETTED MY
APPETITE BUT HE
WAS JUST A BUREAU-
CRAT FOR "THE
NAVIGATORS
GUILD"


--OLD AND
TOUGH.

"HERE
TWO BOUND
MUCH MORE TENDER.
TELL ME ABOUT
THEM










IT'S THE FORCE & YOUR THINGS



...IT IS NEVER TOO LATE

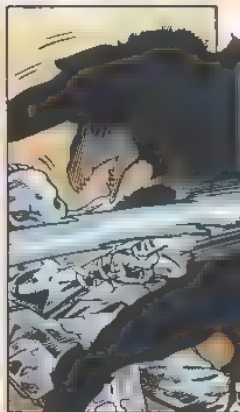
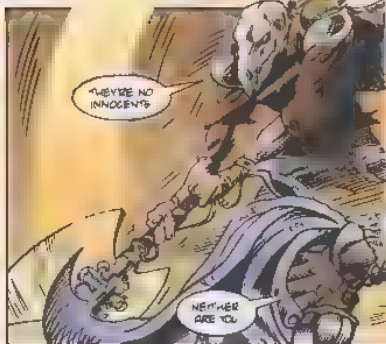


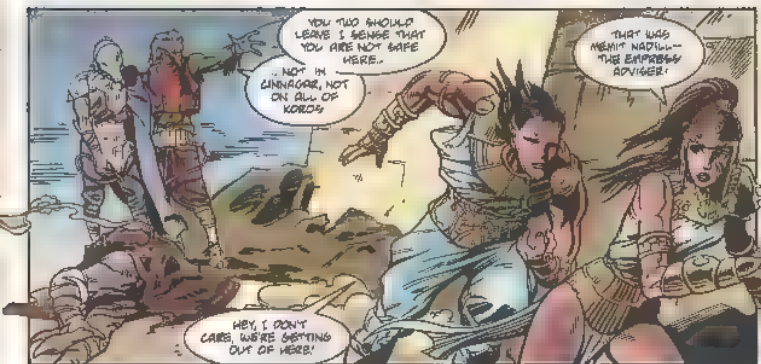
WAIT
IN THE NAME
OF THE JEDI
KNIGHTS

OPAN-LUR
AND I ARE HERE
ON THIS WORLD TO
HELP KEEP THE
PEACE

REPEATING
JEDI MIND YOUR OWN
BUSINESS!!!

WE'VE
GOT A CONTRACT
FOR THESE
TWO!



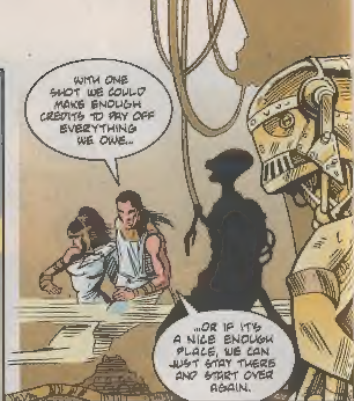




THE MONUMENT TO
LOST NAVIGATORS...

PLENTY
OF OTHERS HAVE
LOST THEIR LIVES
SHOOTING THE HYPER-
SPACE LANES...WE'LL
JUST BE TWO
MORE.

JORI,
NOBODY WILL
NOTICE IF WE
DIE...BUT IF WE
SUCCEED WE'LL
BE FREE.



WITH ONE
SHOT WE COULD
MAKE ENOUGH
CREDITS TO PAY OFF
EVERYTHING
WE OWE...

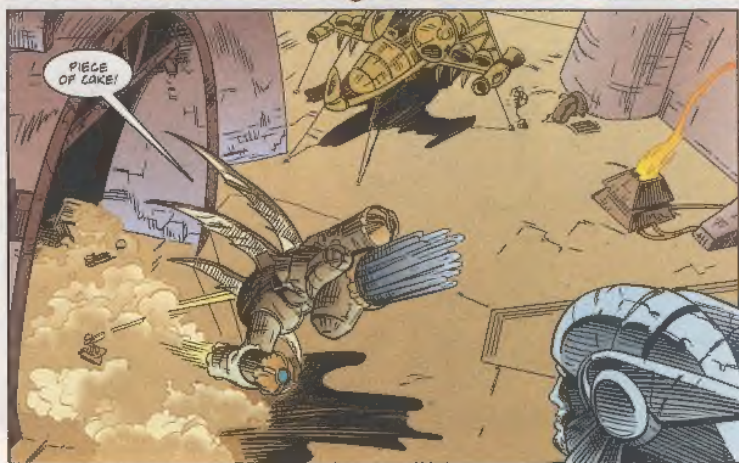
...OR IF IT'S
A NICE ENOUGH
PLACE, WE CAN
JUST STAY THERE
AND START OVER
AGAIN.

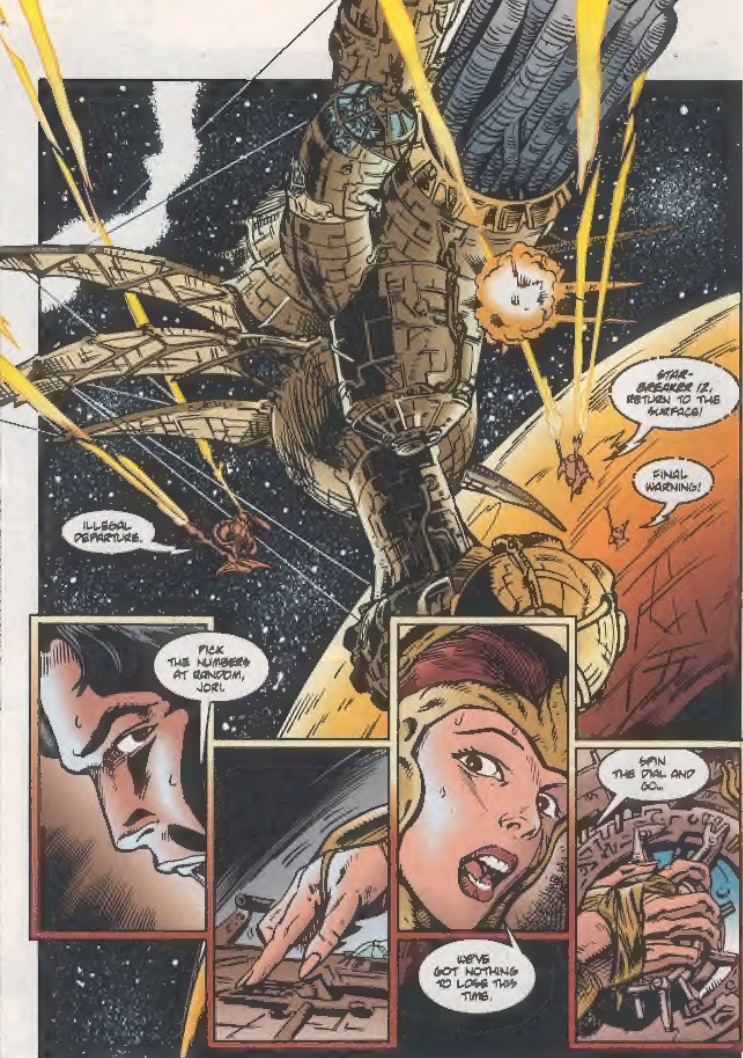


WHO NEEDS
CINNABART?



WELL,
SOMETIMES
GOTTA WORK ONE
OF THESE
DAYS!





STAR-BREAKER 12, RETURN TO THE SURFACE!

FINAL WARNING!

ILLEGAL DEPARTURE.

PICK THE NUMBERS AT RANDOM, JORI!

SPIN THE DIAL AND GO.

WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE THIS TIME.

